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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO: 10/823,433

FILED: April 12, 2004

FOR: FOR RAC-PK AS A THERAPEUTIC AGENT OR IN DIAGNOSTICS,
SCREENING METHOD FOR AGENTS AND PROCESS FOR
ACTIVATING RAC-PK

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

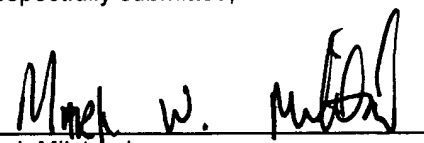
The Office Action of March 14, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 14, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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